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POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Centrally sponsored scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to the students, belonging to SCs and STs, is in operation;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme with financing pattern;

(c) whether the amount of scholarship is inadequate;

(d) if so, whether the State Governments have requested the Union Government to enhance the rate of scholarship and to release the remaining sanctioned amount to the States; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the Scheme are enclosed.

(c), (d) & (e) The request of some State Governments for upward revision of the maintenance allowance keeping in view the increased costs since the allowances were last revised, will be duly considered while revising the scheme during the Tenth Five Year Plan period.

Annexure

Statement in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 37 for 1.3.2002 regarding Post-matric scholarship

Salient features of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

1. Objectives The scheme provides financial assistance to such students belonging to SCs and Sts who pursue recognised post matriculation courses in recognised institutions, including correspondence courses, within the country.

2. Elements of Scholarship

(i) Maintenance allowance

Group	Rates of maintenance allowance (Rs. Per month)	
	Hostellers	Day Scholars
A	425	190
B	290	190
C	290	190
D	230	120
E	150	90

(ii) Additional provision for students with disabilities

(A) Reader Allowance for blind Scholars varies from Rs. 150 to 100 per month.

(B) Transport allowance upto Rs.100 per month for day scholars

(C) Escort Allowance of Rs.100/- per month (for severely handicapped day scholars)

(D) Special Pay of Rs.100/- per month for an employee of the hostel for helping severely orthopaedically handicapped student residing in a hostel.

(E) Allowance of Rs.150/- per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students.
iii) Fees: Students are paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board
iv) Study Tours Study tour charges upto a maximum of Rs.500 per annum,
v) Thesis Typing/Printing Charges Thesis typing/printing charges upto a maximum of Rs.600
vi) Correspondence courses including distance and continuing education : Rs.500/- per annum for essential/prescribed books.

3. Funding Pattern

100% Central assistance is provided to States/UTs over and above the committed liability. The Committed Liability of North Eastern States has, however, been dispensed with. Expenditure incurred in the last year of the 8th plan i.e. 1996-97 is taken as the committed liability, which is to be met by the States/UTs fully.